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SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

1. A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SOUTH PACIFIC BUREAU OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION (SPEC) DATED 28 APRIL AND RECEIVED TODAY 8 MAY TITLED "PROPOSED SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION RESUMED MEETING - JUNE 1978" CONFIRMS THE MEETING AT SPEC HEADQUARTERS IN SUVA 5 - 10 JUNE ON SPRFA.
2. IN OPENING PARAGRAPH THE LETTER REFERS TO THE 18 - 25 NOVEMBER 1977 MEETING WITH THE STATMENT THAT "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" WAS MADE AT THAT MEETING IN THE PREPARATION OF A DRAFT CONVENTION ESTABLISHING A SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION.

3. SIGNIFICANT PARAGRAPHS OF THE LETTER ARE QUOTED BELOW:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
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A PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE RESUMED MEETING IS ENCLOSED. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA PLEASE ENSURE THAT SUCH COMMENTS REACH US BY 31 MAY 1978. (PROVISIONAL AGENDA LISTS 1. OFFICIAL OPENING; 2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN; 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA; 4. DRAFT CONVENTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION; 5. OTHER BUSINESS; 6. CONCLUSION OF MEETING.)

PARTICIPANTS

COUNTRIES THAT PARTICIPATED AT THE NOVEMBER 1977 MEETING ARE BEING INVITED TO THE RESUMED MEETING. PLEASE ACCEPT HIS LETTER AS AN INVITATION FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESUMED MEETING ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

OBSERVERS

IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS WE WOULD PROPOSE INFORMING THOSE COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT OBSERVED THE FIRST MEETING, OF THE DATE AND VENUE OF THE RESUMED SESSION AND INDICATE THEY ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE IF THEY WISH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

AS AT THE FIRST MEETING, ENGLISH WILL BE THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE MEETING. DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH ARE WELCOME TO DO SO PROVIDED THAT SUCH DELEGATIONS SUPPLY TRANSLATIONS AND INTERPRETATION FOR THE MEETING.

DELEGATIONS SHOULD NOT THAT 5 JUNE IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN FIJI. CONFERENCE SERVICES WILL, HOWEVER, OPERATE NORMALLY.

DOCUMENTATION

AS AGREED AT THE NOVEMBER 1977 MEETING, OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE DRAFT CONVENTION ARE EXPECTED TO BE RESOLVED AT THE RESUMED MEETING. IN THIS REGARD NO PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE FIRST MEETING ON THE FOLLOWING:

DRAFT ARTICLE I - HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES TO WHICH CONVENTION APPLIES.

DRAFT ARTICLE II - RECOGNITION OF COASTAL STATE RIGHTS

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PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE DRAFT ARTICLE XIV - PARTICIPATION IN THE CONVENTION

IN ADDITION DETAILS OF DRAFT ARTICLE III SCOPE OF THE CONVENTION IS STILL TO BE PROVISIONALLY AGREED UPON. IN ADDITION THE TEXT REQUIRES CHECKING FOR DRAFTING CONSISTENCY. COPIES OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION WHICH EMANATED FROM THE FIRST MEETING WERE SENT TO YOU UNDER COVER OF OUR LETTER DATED 5 DECEMBER 1977. EXTRA COPIES OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION ARE AVAILABLE AND WILL BE SENT TO YOU ON REQUEST. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD ADVISE SPEC OF THE NAMES, DESIGNATIONS AND TRAVEL ITINERARY OF YOUR DELEGATES TO THE MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WE WILL ASSIST WITH ACCOMMODATION IN SUVA FOR YOUR DELEGATES ON REQUEST."

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